

# SPRAGUE ELECTRIC

# Log

BY SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES *and* FOR SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES

Volume X

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG, FEBRUARY 28, 1948

Number 14

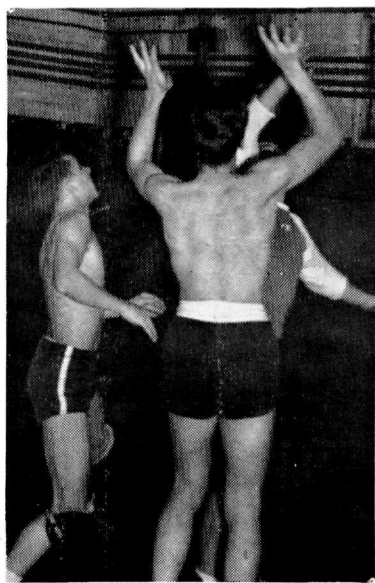
## IN ALL IT DOES - RED CROSS DEPENDS ON YOU!

### Load And Unload Your Passengers In Parking Lot

Because of the congestion on the road mornings and evenings as employees are coming to work, or departing from work, coupled with the icy conditions which prevail at the present time, all drivers are urged to take their passengers directly into the parking lot before unloading. Take your passengers directly to your allotted parking space. This applies to loading of passengers, too. Ask your passengers to come *directly* to your car in its allotted parking space when ready to leave in the evening.

In this way, you will avoid much confusion, you and your passengers will expedite departure from the Plant, and—most important of all—you will insure yourself and passengers from possible accidents which are bound to happen when there is so much confusion and congestion in loading and unloading.

### WILL THEY MAKE IT?



... Yes, sir! Despite Woloski blocking, Cobelli scores a basket in Sample vs. KVA. game.

### RADIO IS GROWING UP!

The Federal Communications Commission has just issued a public primer on radio, in which it lists nineteen different types of radio services. These include regular AM broadcastings, FM, television, facsimile, marine, aeronautical, police, fire, forestry, railroad, geological, mobile, industrial, citizens, utilities, radio-telephone and radio-telegraph.

The present scope of the Commission is far broader than when it was originally established in the early 1920's to regulate a brand new type of service — (Continued on page 2)



Mr. Verne Goodwin, a student of Pittsfield High, enjoys skiing at Sheep Hill. —Photo, Al Horsfall

### SPRING, AH SPRING!

Just about this time of year, our thoughts turn to Spring. There's buds swelling on the trees — and who knows, just when they may burst open! There is the January thaw, which came in February this year — so everyone is going around saying, "Oh, well, with this mild weather, there *can't* be much more of winter..." There's blue skies overhead, and sloppy walking under foot... and one very important item, this month... It is *Leap Year*, with February having 29 days instead of 28... so - o - o all of you eligible males better sharpen up your resistance to the fairer (but not weaker) sex, or you will find yourselves caught!

### Snow, Beautiful Snow

It seems a bit absurd to even think about spring with snow clear up to one's knees... But—all the store windows show the latest in spring bonnets, not to mention those dresses with the "new

look..." And a very elaborate Style Show slated for our fair city, with several of our own employees modeling the latest in spring bonnets and clothes.

(Continued Beaver News, on page 3)

### Electrical Worker Pays For Home With Ideas

Selling ideas about his job—to reduce costs and increase production—has paid off to the tune of a new home for Mike Defino, employee of an electrical manufacturing company. Cashing in on his 300th idea at the age of 42, after submitting more than 600 in twenty years, Mike estimates that he has received at least \$10,000 from the company's suggestion plan—"more than enough to pay for my home. It's all just a sideline."

### Jottings from the Application Engineering Dept.

Mr. P. B. Alger and Mr. C. G. Killen are very busy making arrangements for the Sprague display for the I.R.E. show which will be staged this year at the Grand Central Palace in New York from March 22 to 25.

Mr. Robert Peters has been visiting his regular accounts in upper New York state.

Mr. C. G. Killen has been calling on the trade at Red Bank and Eaton-

town, New Jersey.

Mr. L. S. Shuey now has offices at 972 Broad Street in Newark, N. J.

Mr. J. M. Allison, representing the Power Factor Capacitor Division, has opened offices at 2601 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Mr. P. H. Crane was a visitor at the Sprague Company, recently. Mr. Crane is from New York City.

### Annual Red Cross Drive During March Plant Safety Engineer Elected Chairman for Industrial Division

We, as Americans, can be proud of the work accomplished by the Red Cross with its broad concepts which include plans for better health campaigns, accident prevention, nutrition services and services to

veterans. In the local drive, conducted during March, Mr. Robert Wall will act as Chairman for the Northern Berkshire Division; Mr. Richard A. Hunter is City Chairman; and Mr. Arthur Mathews of Sprague Electric Company, was appointed Chairman for the Industrial Division of this area.

In bringing to the *Log* readers the story of the Red Cross, we can do it no more effectively than by quoting a letter by its President, Mr. Basil O'Connor:

#### In All It Does, the Red Cross Depends On You!

"The Red Cross story is simple, easy to understand.

It is the story of tremendous teamwork — of sharing and giving. It is a graphic demonstration of neighbor helping neighbor. It is the story of men, women, and children who know that a stronger America emerges as the cares of the needy and distressed are relieved.

"Hot food is served to hurricane sufferers in southern coastal states... Blood is rushed to victims of a hotel fire in the Midwest... Red Cross trained life savers plunge toward youngsters who have ventured into the water beyond their

depth... Nurses are recruited for new outbreaks of polio... Practical skills are taught to patients in veterans hospitals.

"When you support the Red Cross, you help in all these things. You are there—because the Red Cross, which represents you, is there. You are one of the many, many neighbors united in a common cause, united by the one banner 'under which all men may serve'—the Red Cross!"

#### Aid in Disaster

More specifically, nearly 100,000 persons received emergency help following disasters during 1947. In disasters such as mine explosions, tornadoes, train wrecks, earthquakes, there is little or no advance warning. Immediate assistance is important, as it often means the difference between life and death. Fires led the disaster list with 161, with the forest fires in New England last fall the worst in that area's history. Equally spectacular were the 37 tornadoes, including the savage twister in Woodward, Oklahoma, which flattened scores of city blocks, killed 95 persons and damaged or destroyed 1,000 homes. 70 per cent of Red Cross disaster funds are spent

(Continued on page 3)



"If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"... The north branch of the Hoosac River blanketed in snow, just a short distance above the Beaver Street Plant. —Photo by Ken Russell

## WELCOME TO OUR IRISH COLLEEN



Theresa Sheehan, our Irish Colleen, hails from County Kerry, Ireland... and proves how effective an Irish smile may be.

Miss Theresa Sheehan, our pretty blue-eyed Colleen of Industrial Oil Stacking, flashed a beautiful smile when we asked her how she likes America. "Oh, I just love the United States," she said, "there is so much of it... and people have been so nice to me, especially my co-workers at Sprague's. They are wonderful, and I love my work."

"Terry" came to the United States in July, from County Kerry, Ireland, and is making her home with an aunt, Mrs. Anna Mulqueen, and cousins, Miles and Anna Heath of 19 Forest Street.

## Biggest Thrill

Her biggest thrill, of course, was the sight of the statue of Liberty as she approached New York harbor. The most beautiful sight in her estimation, is our own picturesque Berkshire Hills. "They are beautiful," she exclaimed in her delightful Irish brogue, "much higher than hills at home." Terry has been fascinated with our winter scenes, the abundance of snow, our Christmas lights and decorations. There is some snow in Ireland, she explained, but

nothing to compare with the Berkshires.

When asked about the climate in Ireland, she said it is mild, and just about this time of year, Spring puts in an appearance — and then the beauty of Ireland can hardly be described... one just has to see it! The countryside is a mass of color with flowers everywhere. In fact, the country looks like one great flower bed.

The Irish are still rationed, Terry explained, with sugar, flour and clothing the most difficult items to obtain. Although the Irish raise most of their own food, they send a good share of it to aid other countries. The sugar beet crop is one of the country's biggest and sugar factories a main industry of her part of the country, with the greater share of the product shipped to France. Terry says as long as they don't ration music and dancing, everything will be all right, for the Irish boys and girls would rather dance than eat!

Terry has one brother in the English Air Force, a sister working in London, and a younger brother and sister at home with her parents. —Anna Heath

## Radio Grows Up

(Continued from page 1)

radio. With developments in the field of electronics continuing at a rapid pace, it will place such new services as radar and industrial atomic energy within the scope of government regulation and control.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. David Potter are the parents of a son born January 30. Mrs. Potter is Dorothy, of the F. P. Department.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.

Stanley Peter Jr. on January 30. The mother is the former Theresa Louise of the Sample Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Moushy Markarian are the parents of a son born January 31. Mr. Markarian is employed in the Marshall Street Laboratories.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Valotta are the parents of a son born February 2. The mother is Marjorie of the Paper Ignition Assembly Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cullen are the parents of a daughter born February 16. Tom is employed in the Factory Planning Department.

## LOG PUBLISHING STAFF

EDITOR: Evelyn Fairchild

CIRCULATION: Marion Caron SOCIAL CHAIRMAN: Mary Mathews

## ASSISTANT EDITORS

Kit Carson, Tom Cullen, Dan Kelly, Pete Mancuso, Jim Oldham, Etta Owen, and Laurence Haskins.

## SPORTS

Kenneth Russell  
PHOTOGRAPHER  
Albert Horsfall

## PLANT EDITOR

Marshall Street: Cecile Trudeau

## PLANT EDITOR

Brown Street: Bertha Salavantis

## BEAVER STREET REPORTERS

Betty Bogus, Joan Bryce, Doris Delisle, Esther Driscoll, Hazel Goodale, Gertrude Hall, Ruth Haskins, Marjorie Hauptfleisch, Harry Embry, Priscilla Northup, Emma Massaconi, Cedo Remillard, Rose Righi, James Shea, George Scarbo, Vi Short, Florence Southgate, Ruth Szulc, Shirley Thoros, Constance Urbano, Roseann Vigna, and John Walsh.

## MARSHALL STREET REPORTERS

"Toots" Callahan, Phyllis Chartrand, Josephine Convery, Mary Daniels, Eddie O'Neil, Mario Magnani, Faith Russell and Roma Rumgay.

## BROWN STREET REPORTERS

Rose Corsi, Gladys Kirkpatrick, Ann Heath, Betty Jangrow, Della Keating, Mary Marshall, Josephine Martinioli, Rita Mulqueen, Rita Samia, Rita Siciliano, Corena Tatro and Isabel Witherow.

"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

Published by the SPRAGUE ELECTRIC CO., North Adams, Mass.



## PAA. Assembly

By R. Samia and M. Bua

Greetings to Rita Samia and Lillian Boyd who recently observed birthdays.

We're glad to see Helen Slater back after a week's absence.

Olympia Gayda and Jane Paradise are thoroughly convinced that they know the name of the walking man... Hope you're right!

We should see a number of slim figures by Easter, with everyone giving up pastry and food containing too many calories, during Lent.

Have you noticed how stream-lined Helen Folino looks... Really lovely, Helen, and we admire your will power.



"Bose", 11 year old Boston terrier belonging to Jessica Pike of Resistors.

## Industrial Oil Stock

By Ann Heath

Welcome back, Winnie Emery, Carolyn Zaloga, and Lyda Lewis. The place looks brighter since all of you got back.

Al Folino was in to see us the other day. He looks fine after a recent operation, and we were glad to see him.

Rose Briggs and Bernie Stackpole both have that "new look"... Rose looks like a girl from the gay nineties, and Bernard like a character from Shakespeare with that Vandyke and moustache.

Anna Spagnolo and Leona Dufraine keep busy on their torches and between times, give out the news.

"Terry" Sheehan makes quite a handy man... she can fix most anything with that Irish Smile.

Grace Vergunst is our shy little violet... come on boys, and see if she can talk back!

Beatrice Booth takes her husband along on shopping trips... What a gold digger!

## Prokar Dept.

By Carol Bellard

We wish to welcome Dot Whipple to our Soldering line, and also the other new girls in the Department.

The Prokar girls wish Dolly Poirot a "Happy Birthday."

Spring is on the way — now that Marion Daignault is wearing slacks. Things that we have yet to see:

Joan Haley — working a full week.

Marceline Poirot — wearing a dress.

Dolly Poirot — staying out of work.

Apparently "Terry" Pinsonneault finds the hot dogs on River Street a big attraction since she goes out at noontime to eat.

Everyone has admired those earrings Doris Taylor received for Valentine's Day.

The Soldering table doesn't seem the same since Agnes Vidal went on racking.

## Maintenance

By Little Lulu

These card sharks should learn how to play pitch — Bill Falcon, Al Cardinal, Ray Shields and Burt Davis, since they ended up 22 in the hole, playing, the other noon.

Those new entertainers at Sunnyside on Friday nights are Carl Vaughn (the crooner) and Ray Shields at the piano. The only drawback — after the first number, they are usually alone. Then, Ray makes Carl get out on the middle of the floor and clap and call "ENCORE."

Charlie (Wing Wong) Wilson takes in laundry at the warehouse which is fully equipped for such work... But do remember your laundry ticket: "No tickies, no washee," says Charlie Wing Wong.

The wrecking crew really went to town a week ago, and to fully get things messed up, they sent down Hotshot Bohb... Need we say more?

Nominated for the Best Natured — Joe Schneider

## I. O. Final Assembly

By G. Joy and L. Harrington

Kenney has been hit by cupid's arrow, as witness the orchid he gave his girl for Valentine's day. When is the big day, Kenney?

Almost everyone in the room received a comic valentine — and each person laughed at the others... until he saw his own!

Welcome to our new girls — but please leave our bachelors alone. After all, we were here first!

Molly Ryan and Harold Shore are both home from the hospital, and we wish both of them speedy recoveries.

Ruth Harding is having a hard time making up her mind whether she wants to be a sailor's or a carpenter's wife.

Mary Santelli and "Viv" Shaw celebrated their "16th" birthdays. Happy birthday... and have you ever been kissed, girls?



Charles Lefebvre, son of Angie, of Resistor—night shift.

## Resistors - Midget Tubulars

By Della Keating

Margaret Cutler has added a new member to her family, her new daughter-in-law.

Alma Sweeney looks charming with her new hair-do.

Mary Schubnel likes her work so much she ignores the rest period (or does she?)

Two lovely young grandmothers working with us are Josephine Rosenburg, and Anna Gorczyca.

The Tubular checkers and color coats spent the week end at Chickly Alps in Charlemont.

Welcome to all our new comers — hope you like working with us.

Best wishes to Pat Shaw Kenyon. The Department presented her with several lovely wedding gifts and her group gave a party in her honor.

Lucy Abusi came to work the other day with that "new look" and received many compliments.

## Wire Coating

By Corena Tatro

Deep sympathy to Ralph Blood in the recent loss of his grandmother.

We are happy to have a respite in the cold weather. When someone asked Paul Sanford if it were very cold, one morning, he replied: "Not this morning — it's just six below." I guess things are relative and you can get used to anything!

Here is a little something about spring: Isn't it nice to know it is spring

With the sweet scent of lilacs and everything —

And the soft fleecy clouds that ride in the sky

Or the humming of birds as they fly swiftly by.

No matter how poor a person might be He has always the right to sit 'neath a tree

And dream for himself a beautiful dream.

For the dreams you dream while you are awake

Always come true if you have what it takes!

## Resistors

By Vickie LaMore

We extend a hearty welcome to the new girls of our Department.

Introducing our girls with a song: Beatrice Asdikian —

A Letter Edged with Black Hazel Camadine — Personality

Aldea Caron — Shine On, Harvest Moon Mae LaFebvre — My Wild Irish Rose

"Digger Odell" LaFebvre — Fifteen Men on a Dead Man's Chest

Jerry Gillis — I'll Dance at Your Wedding

Carman King — I Love You Truly Jane Martin — Some Day

"Blondie" Grande — A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody

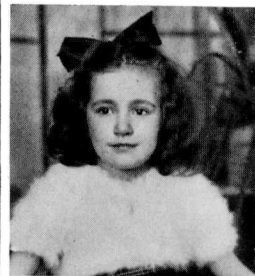
Theresa Wisher — Give Me Five Minutes More

Hazel Camadine is enjoying her vacation. (Take it easy, Hazel).

## Birthday Party

Our girls attended a birthday party for Mary Scerbo, including former co-workers: Dot Tower, now at Beaver Plant; Betty Berger and Betty Fletcher at Marshall Street Plant; and Alice Dupuis. Mary was presented a table lamp and many other pretty gifts.

What would we do without Joe Mazza to help at our machines?



Donna Marie Roy, daughter of Laura, of PAA Rolling, night shift.

## Molded Tubulars—Day Shift

By "Jo" Campedelli

Jeannette Lavigne is back at work full of pep and rarin' to go.

The next time that "Izzy" goes wading, better take off your shoes and stockings.

We miss Lorraine Baker, Betty Roy, Pauline Masson and Florence Clement who were transferred to the Finishing Line.



## BUSY BEAVER NEWS

### Dry Tubular Assembly

By S. Wilk and C. Urbano

Farewell to our foreman, John O'Connell... our loss is Brown Street Plant's gain. May you be successful in your new job... Welcome to our new foreman, Charles Sutliff. We hope you will enjoy working along in our Department.

The Supper Club held its first dinner party and social at the Williams Inn, Thursday, February 19. A turkey dinner was served, and each girl wore a corsage of white carnations. Later in the evening the group attended a movie. Those attending were: Norma Davignon, Lila Abraham, Sophie Wilk, Felicia Skowronski, Florence McCauley, Irene Simonelli, Mary Michalenko, also Rose Righi and Irene Jones of the F. P. Line, and Gert Persons, Mary Fulginiti, Kay Guyette and Emily Abraham.

Incidents of the Evening—Mary Michalenko finding herself eating with two forks, Irene Jones desperately trying to obtain a snowflake bracelet, even to the extent of telling a little white lie and a 50 yard dash for her bus.

### Can Shop

By Harry Trombley

There is a "sweater girl" in the Can Shop—the boys tell me.

Bill Fortini certainly does some fancy bowling, since his love comes to the matches to cheer him on.

If there is any shortage of coffee at the Bowling League banquet, they can't blame me for it as my bowling runs consistently in the 204-210 class. Lou Siciliano says it's just too bad that there hasn't been a prize set aside for such lousy bowling.

Joe Spagnolo has been eating pretty regularly lately. (Hi, fellows!)

Cliff Domenichini's wife paid us a call—and he proceeded to show her all the machinery and various works of art. She was a good sport about it.

When Ernie Charbonneau switches from the sample bench to another part of the shop, we shall miss a lot of his constructive ideas.

That smile on Ted Dziok's face, is smug. It happens that our shop bowling team went to Adams and took on Ted's Sunday team... and they gave us quite a shellacking.

Jim Scarbo is back in stride with no broken weeks. Tell us, how you do it, Jim.

Glad to hear Bill Kilbride has received his Pilot's license... By the grapevine, we hear he was a co-pilot to a pair of Jack's mules.

Pinky Sherman would make a good commentator from the way he keeps up a continuous chatter during noon hours.

### Spring's On The Wing! So's Tennis - -



Patricia Biondo, daughter of Frances, of Paper Rolling Department.

### Dry Rolling

By L. Kolis and M. Critella

Three cheers to our girls for playing such a swell game—losing by only 5 points. This is their fourth game with Professional Drugs having won 2 and lost 2. Keep up the good work, girls.

We were sorry to learn Clara Baliahos sprained her ankle while playing basketball.

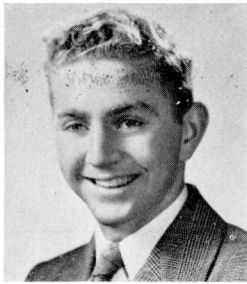
That's something—when some one can make Joe Murack forget what day of the week it is.

We welcome back: Marie Marcoux, Bessie Zoito and Florence Danforth. Also, to our new girls and hope they like working here. We're sorry Florence has been ill.

It's lonesome in this corner, Edith Boucher, without you. Hurry back!

When Kathleen Mulcahy comes back to work, ask her about the cherry pie she made for "Chuck."

A shower was given for Kathleen Mulcahy with a group of her co-workers attending. Hostesses were Kay Darling and Esther Bemis. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.



Walter Asdikian, son of Beatrice of Molded Tubulars. He graduates from Drury this June.



Peter Michael Miles and "Penny" find the snow almost as high as themselves. Peter is the son of Frances, of Industrial Oil Rolling.

### Misc. Paper Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Betty Powell and Lillian Gainer are confined to their homes with illness. Speedy recovery, girls!

Welcome to Robert Clark, our newest member of this Department.

When someone calls "Ida"—do they want Ida Watts, Ida Scia, Ida Guan or Ida Lowe?

Ann Sondrini and Dot Lavigne are the latest winners of our weekly pool, lucky girls.

Some of the male members of the Department are very interested in Readsboro, lately. How come—are the girls more attractive up there?

Lloyd Bullett says Ruth Haskins should have been a "baby sitter" because she always rocks back and forth as she works.

We have a girl who says she is Austrian, because her father comes from Switzerland, and her mother comes from Vermont... a little hard to understand.

Millie Letalain can make such professional looking "pin curls" that she is very much in demand during noon hours.

### Engineering Specs

By D. Mancuso and H. Goodale

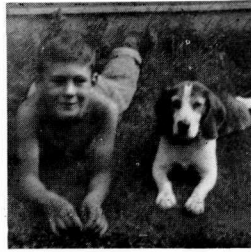
We extend our deepest sympathy to Harold Farnum, whose mother passed away recently.

Congratulations to Jane Zabek who celebrated her birthday recently.

Congratulations to our "boss", Walter Clark, on his re-election as selectman for Williamstown.

They say "the way to a man's heart is to give him Argyle socks." Does it work? Ask the girls in Engineering—they've been making a lot of gay ones lately.

Tank Wilson has returned after a week's vacation, in which he enjoyed "lots of cold weather and some good skiing at Big Bromley, N. H."



Edward Gibeau with "Skippy". He is the son of Alphege of Molding Department and Beatrice of PAA's.

### Spring, Ah Spring!

by Gertrude Hall

(Continued from page 1)

A very sure sign of the time of year is that Mickey Koczela finally set her wedding date for May 1. (Correct me if I'm wrong, but just a year ago she said: "Not me, I won't marry for another five years!")... Frances Solari can't wait for the snow to melt here, as she's going on a three months' vacation to Florida and California. We envy you, very, very much... And Maud Waska added another canary to her already large collection, so she has spring all the year round with her birds chirping from morning 'til' night... Our supervisor had an early attack of spring fever... Annis O'Neil has a new spring in her walk (but I don't know whether from the time of year or something in the literary line)... Charlotte O'Brien with a blemish (maybe time for Grandma's old-fashioned sulphur and molasses)... Ruth Arrighini has a new hair-do to brighten up these days... Elizabeth Kenny wore blinders to save her eyes from the sun and snow... Charlie Desrosiers smokes but four cigars a day now, so he can better inhale the heavenly aroma around here... Al Blondin, our recent bridegroom fairly exudes orange blossoms and spring... Fran Gayda and Gert Hall patiently do exercises to acquire that "new look" and Ernie Dupee patiently awaits a "blessed event" to keep him awake nights!

We're glad to learn Agnes Perry's husband is well and able to return to work.

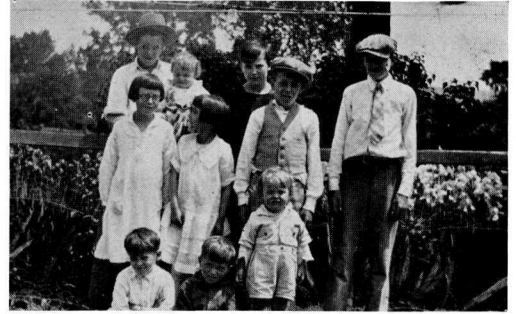
We received a card from Frances Solari from Florida—and they're parading around there, without needing a coat on!

What do you know! Nellie Jepson's husband is a weather prophet... do you suppose he could tell me what the weather will be like two weeks from Tuesday?

Happy Birthday to Francis Chenail, who received a card, a lollipop and a monkey.

A group of us girls are bowling once a week... and did we set a new record! (At least for lowest scores.) We're all good sports about it and have loads of fun.

### ALL TEN - - SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES!



Do you recognize them? Each member of the Vincelette family shown here, has been (or still is) a Sprague worker. Front row: Louis, Roger and Gloria. Second row: Doretta, Laura, Claude and Armand. Top row: Ozias holding Bernice, and Beatrice, as they looked nineteen years ago.

It may not be news to publish a story and photo of a family taken some nineteen years ago. But it is news, when every person in that picture is, or has been, an employee of the Sprague Electric Company. All the Vincelettes in the picture above, were at some time, employed here—and in fact, five of them are still working in the Sprague Electric and have long records of service, too!

Front row, sitting: Louis, employed for the past 7 years in the KVA. Department is a veteran of World War II; Roger, employed for the past 5 years, is also a World War II veteran, now employed in the Molded Tubulars. No, the other toddler is not a boy, but Gloria, formerly of PAA. Rolling. Second row: Doretta, formerly of Resistor Winding; Laura, employed off and on for the last 12 years, is now working on Rolling, 2nd shift; then Claude, better known as "Chick", a

war veteran with 7 years' service during and before World War II, is now in PAA. Wax Pouring; Armand, better known as "Peanuts" has been with the Company for the past 15 years, is now working in Molded Tubulars. Back row: Ozias, or "Bud" was formerly employed in Paper Rolling. In Bud's arms is Bernice, formerly of PAA. Stove Soldering. Last, is Beatrice, wife of Cedo Remillard, who formerly worked in the Rolling Department. To cap the climax, Rosalie, the mother of these 10 Vincelettes, was also a Sprague worker, having been employed in the KVA's. She is now the proud grandmother of 13 grandchildren. Laura has four children; Armand, two; Ozias, two; Louis, one; and Beatrice Remillard, four.

A grand record of service—and we challenge any family at Sprague's or elsewhere, to show an equally large group of their relatives employed in any one company. —L. Vincelette

### Red Cross Drive . . .

(Continued from page 1)

in rehabilitation, which includes rebuilding of homes, providing furniture, long-term nursing and medical care.

#### National Blood Program

Sprague workers are familiar with the Blood Bank services. The Red Cross Blood Bank program for 1948 will be most comprehensive. It will make whole blood and blood derivatives available without cost for the products, to the nation's entire population through physicians and hospitals. It is estimated that 3,700,000 pints of blood now needed annually can be procured. Some of the most successful projects are those operated in Massachusetts, Michigan and North Dakota; six new collection centers are under way at Rochester, N. Y., Washington, D. C., Atlanta, Ga., Louisville, Ky., and Omaha, Nebr. Eventually, major centers will number 140 with secondary units in smaller communities and mobile units for rural areas.

#### Aid to Veterans

This nation now has 18,000,000 war veterans, who with their families comprise 32 per cent of our population. The varied services of the Red Cross are helping these families—it may take the form of a layette for a baby born in a campus strait; hospital appointment for a former marine now threatened with blindness; or food and rent money for a harried veteran who finds his financial problem difficult at the moment... Last year, 12,000 Red Cross volunteers gave scheduled hours of service in 126 Veteran Administration hospitals. 2,029,007 veterans and dependents were assisted last year in the Home Service Department, and veterans and dependents received \$6,441,983 in financial aid from Red Cross chapters.

#### Other Services

The Red Cross has broadened its

scope of service to include accident prevention; water safety which includes training and certification of life savers and "Learn-to-swim" campaigns; collaboration with health authorities and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; nutrition classes and food consultation services; and an International Activities program. Events of the year 1948 are uncertain and unpredictable... yet, standing by, ready for any emergency, is the Red Cross with its coordinated activities to carry out its program of relief and aid.



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller with Raymond Miller, Jr. Ray is employed in Impregnating Dept.

### Formation

By B. Bogus and J. Shea

The Department welcomes: Benjamin Mountford, Dolor Tarte, Robert Landin, Robert MacTavish, Matthew Arigoni and Walt Davis. We hope you enjoy working with us.

We hear Art Kennell is still trying to learn how to run his machine—cheer up, Art, Rome wasn't built in a day.

Sonny Williams has left us—and we hope you like your new work, Sonny.

F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massaconi

We welcome Viola Savage and Leah Ackerman back to work with the gang. What's this we hear about Francis Messina appearing at work with lip-stick on his collar?

Hang on to those pennies, girls — you'll need them to put in the "mite" box.

Congratulations to Mary Roberts on the arrival of her first grandson.

Hope you'll be feeling fine, shortly, Edith Fields.

A. C. Assembly

By Mary Williams, pinch hitting

We hope that "Vi" Short's son, Harry, injured recently in an automobile accident, will soon be up and around.

The Department takes this opportunity to welcome Doris Starr, Hattie Horrigan, Al Scarbo and Harold Martin. We hope you all enjoy working with us.

We said "hello" and now we'll say "goodbye" to "Pat" LeSage, "Frenchy" Richards and Stewart Hall. Hope you like your new work.

The cold spell we had recently got the best of at least two of our co-workers, Al Harvey and Donald Gagne, who suffered with frozen ears ... Did you say you had new caps for next winter, boys?

Mary Cantoni's husband made the headlines recently for his hand-carved plaques. We have seen samples of his work and think they are fine. Mary, your husband is a genius when it comes to carving plaques!

All of us have wanted to ask Esther Gonyea if she thinks she is singing at her machine. Sometimes, it sounds like singing, other times, as though the machine were broke ... but nothing personal, Esther.

Jennie Gelineau was matron of honor at her brother's wedding ... Now, Jennie has a new sister-in-law on which to experiment with her cooking arts.

In closing — hurry back, "Vi", we miss you.

TO DANNY MAHONEY  
Killed in Action, February 25, 1945

Three years ago, Danny Mahoney, one of our former co-workers gave his life for his country. Although he was 22 years old, he was just a little boy still growing up. Always full of fun and mischief, he had a personality that was rare. It is heartbreaking to think that one who loved life and people the way he did, had to die so young. To know him was to love him. He reminded you of your own son or kid brother. He had no enemies — only friends. Whenever that Irish grin appeared on his freckled face, you had to smile, no matter what your mood.

Last year, the North Adams Skating Club dedicated their program to their "champ", Danny Mahoney, with one regret — that Danny was not there to walk away with another title. But all who knew him were thinking of him when the races got under way. Although he wasn't racing, his spirit was out front in every race. In closing this dedication, I want to say: You may be gone Danny, but you'll never be forgotten!

—Bertha Salavantis



SPORTS

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE ALL-STAR TEAMS

At this time, we submit our selections for the Northern Berkshire All-Star and Outstanding First and Second Teams.

**All-Star First Team**  
Guards: Salem, Bennington; Lewitt, North Adams.  
Center: Kateley, Drury.  
Forwards: Scott, Bennington; Bolster, Pittsfield St. Joseph.

**Second Team**  
Guards: W. Urquhart, Adams; Creer, Pittsfield.  
Center: Koczela, Adams.  
Forwards: LaCroix, Bennington; Sweet, Williamstown.

**Honorable Mention**  
Meaney, Bennington; Vernardi, Williamstown; Beliveau, Adams; Calabrese, Dalton; Mahoney, Pittsfield St. Joseph; McDonough, N. A. St. Joseph.

ALL-STARS FOR SPRAGUE INTER PLANT LEAGUE

Our co-worker, Dom Esposito presents his selection for an All-Star Team from the Sprague Inter-Plant League:

Guards: Wilson, Office; Bergeron, PAA.  
Center: Zabek, PAA.  
Forwards: McPherson, Office; Sprague, PAA. Alternates: Vigna, Kateley and Sacco.

We welcome the interest shown, and may we hear from other fans on their selections, or comments on this selection.

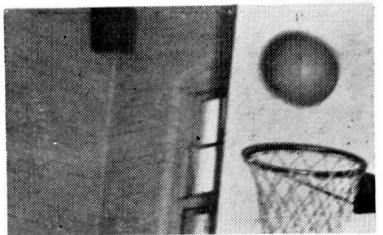
STATE TEACHERS

The North Adams State Teachers College put out a basketball team which has done well this season. This sport is new to the State Teachers, but from the early results, we may well look forward to some fine basketball in the future. Under the able handling of "Rolly" LeFave, veteran, Drury and Company K player, this team has made an unusually fine showing.

TOURNAMENT

Again, the St. Stanislaus Management is sponsoring a gigantic tournament that is attracting a flock of entrants and of a type that will uphold the prestige of this fine annual affair. For those ardent followers of the hoop sport, this tournament will afford opportunity to see semi-pro basketball at its best.

Men's Inter-plant Basketball Standings



	Won	Lost	Pct.
P.A.A.	3	0	1.000
Sample	3	0	1.000
K.V.A.	2	1	.667
Lab.	1	2	.333
Machine Shop	0	3	.000
Office	0	3	.000
Leading Scorers			
	G	B	F P
Kately, Lab.	8	36	15 87
Vigna, P.A.A.	8	34	14 82
Sacco, Sample	8	34	10 78
Sprague, P.A.A.	8	30	14 74
Lies, Lab.	8	27	16 70
Zabek, P.A.A.	6	30	8 68
Mulcahy, Office	8	27	9 63
Bergeron, P.A.A.	8	28	6 62
Cobelli, Sample	7	24	12 60

**Results, Saturday, February 14th**  
Sample, 32; Lab. 30  
P.A.A., 42; Office, 34  
K.V.A., def. Machine Shop, forfeit

Girls Win First Game - Western Mass. AAU Tournament - Score 59-30

PLAYED AGAINST AMHERST ACERETTES TO PLAY PITTSFIELD PROF. DRUGS - Thursday

The Sprague Girls' Basketball Team went into action this week, when they accepted an invitation to play in the Western Massachusetts AAU Girls' Basketball tournament held during February 23 to 26, at Haydenville, Mass.

The winner and runner-up in this Tournament will be eligible to compete in the New England AAU Girls' Tournament scheduled for early March. We hope to see our girls play in the March Tournament, and are backing them to win!



Andy Girgenti and Joe Lipa shown breaking up a tie for first place, between Lunchroom and ICW No. 2.

LOCAL SKATERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP MEET



National Midget Girls' champion, Nancy Ann Viner of Pittsfield, (2nd from left) as she awaits start of 220 trial at Berkshire Hills Meet. She won the trial, but placed second in the finals.

The Berkshire Hills Speed Skating Championship held in Pittsfield found a total of 231 skaters competing, including six local speedsters. The meet was one of the most successful ever held in the Berkshires. The Midget Girls' world record was broken by Elaine Smith, 10 year old Saranac Lake skater who defeated Nancy Ann Viner in the 220 yd. final, in 23.8.

Nancy Ann won but one race, the sixth of a mile. She finished second in the 220 and 440 yd. dashes. She tied Miss Smith with 80 points for the trophy but lost in a 220 yard skate-off for the championship.

Local skaters in the Pittsfield meet were Bernie Auzie in the Senior Men's half mile event; Rachel LeClaire and Carolyn Woodward in the Juvenile Girls' class; Robert Darling in Juvenile Boys' event — and placed third in his trial, getting away to a slow start. We'll hear more from Bob in coming meets.

The Midget Boys' class found Bobby Dunn III winning four trials, but finishing fifth in the finals. Dick Simard placed third in his four trials but did not place in the finals.

North American Championships at Pittsfield in 1950

Pittsfield will play host to the North American Skating Championships in 1950 if its bid for the meet is accepted by the Amateur Skating Union of the United States.

—Charles Felix

VICINITY SPORTS HAPPENINGS

In Basketball -- Bennington High Annexes Northern Berkshire High School Crown

A smoothly operating veteran quintet, the Bennington Catamounts copied the title for the 1947-48 season. They finished the loop schedule with 13 victories and 1 loss, suffered at the hands of Pittsfield High. Pittsfield High was runner-up with 10 wins and 4 losses. Adams had a disastrous season, and wound up with 6th place. Various clubs showed flashes of power, but were too erratic in team play to be serious contenders. Williamstown dropped two to three heart breakers by playing in and out basketball as in their game with Pittsfield St.

Kenny Russell



In practice game: Kay Darling, Clara Baliakos, Jeannette Roy, captain Vishy Wisniowski and Alicia Biros. Standing: Nancy King, Marg Wittig, Ann Blasi and Laddie Meranti.

TOP TEN BOWLERS--Feb. 19, 1948

(Have bowled at least one-half of all strings rolled.)

Name	Team	Ave.	Strings Rolled
J. Lipa—L. R.		103.4	57
F. Santelli—L.C.W. No. 2		97.4	46
P. Sherman—C. S. P.		97	51
G. Forgea—L. R.		96.7	51
J. Tolmie—L. R.		96.6	50
L. Siciliano—M. S.		96.6	38
F. Fortini—Cent'fuge		96.5	42
T. Woloski—L.C.W. No. 2		96.3	44
M. Pierce—L. R.		95.8	42
L. Morocco—M. S.		95.4	51
High Team Single—L.C.W. No. 2		555	
High Team Total—L.C.W. No. 2		1600	
High Ind. Single—L. Segala		146	
High Ind. Triple—J. Lipa		362	

MEN'S BOWLING STANDINGS (As of Feb. 19, 1948)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lunch Room	47	10	.824
L.C.W. No. 2	42	15	.736
Can Shop Pressmen	31	26	.543
Machine Shop	29	28	.508
Centrifuge	29	28	.508
F. P. Drys	21	36	.368
Can Shop	15	42	.263
Machine Shop App.	14	43	.245

STRIKE LEADERS - EACH TEAM

Name	Team	Strikes
J. Lipa—Lunch Room		25
L. Morocco—Machine Shop		14
F. Santelli—L.C.W. No. 2		14
B. Fortini and R. Sherman—Can Shop Pressmen		11
F. Fortini—Centrifuge		12
L. Daignault—Can Shop		11
D. Darling—F. P. Drys		9
A. Brown—Machine Shop App.		9

TEAM PINFALL (As of Feb. 19, 1948)

Team	Pinfall	Average
Lunch Room	27,493	1447.
L.C.W. No. 2	26,865	1413.9
Machine Shop	26,359	1387.3
Can Shop Pressmen	25,937	1365.1
Centrifuge	25,586	1346.6
F. P. Drys	25,229	1327.9
Machine Shop App.	24,608	1295.1
Can Shop	24,285	1278.1

Joseph, the College Townners were behind 20 points, going into the final quarter. That didn't phase these lads and they proceeded to score 19 while holding their opponents scoreless. Williamstown played their best game of the year against Bennington, but only in the second half ... However, with practically the entire squad back next fall, Coach "Mickey" Smith will floor the team to beat next winter.

Captain Bob Kately, Drury center, broke the Northern Berkshire High School Individual scoring record by amassing 283 points in 14 league games for a few percentage points better than a 20 point average. Red Lewitt of local St. Josephs came through with 197 points — and with a cellar combine at that!